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1. REFTEL F PROVIDING THE LATEST PROPOSED SCHEDULE FOR
VICE PRESIDENT'S VISIT TO NEW ZEALAND HAS JUST BEEN
RECEIVED AND WE HAVE NOT YET BEEN ABLE TO REVIEW IT
WITH GNZ OFFICIALS. AT A MEETING THIS A.M., HOWEVER,
GNZ OFFICIALS PRESENTED WHAT FROM THEIR VIEWPOINT
IS AN OPTIMUM SCHEDULE FOR MAY 9-10. LIKE REFTEL F,
IT INCORPORATES A SMALL DINNER AT VOGEL HOUSE, VICE
THE STATE BANQUET, ON MAY 9 AND A STATE LUNCHEON AND
LATER DEPARTURE ON MAY 10. OF PARTICULAR NOTE AS
WELL IS THE ATTENDANCE OF THE VICE PRESIDENT AT A
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MAY 9 ECUMENICAL PRAYER SERVICE AT ST. PAUL'S
CATHEDRAL (ANGLICAN), ORGANIZED BY THE HEADS OF
CHURCHES IN WELLINGTON IN CONJUNCTIOC WITH THE
ISRAELI AND EGYPTIAN AMBASSADORS TO NEW ZEALAND,
SYMBOLIZING THE RAYERS OF ALL PEOPLES FOR PEACE IN
THE MIDDLE EAST. (THIS INITIATIE BEGAN THREE WEEKS
AGO AND SELECTION OF THE MAY 9 DATE IS PURELY

COINCIDENTAL TO VICE PRESIDENT'S VISIT.) THE GNZ HAS ALSO SCHEDULED A MAY 10 TRIP WRAP-UP PRESS CONFERENCE (REF C INDICATES THE WHITE HOUSE'S DESIRE THAT THIS OCCUR IN WELLINGTON).

2. GNZ PROPOSED SCHEDULE FOR VICE PRESIDENT AND MRS. MONDALE:

TUESDAY, MAY 9

1:00 P.M. ARRIVE AT OHAKEA. MET BY PRIME MINISTER AND
- MRS. MULDOON, AMBASSADOR AND MRS. SELDEN.
- OFFICIAL CEREMONY OF WELCOME (REMARKS).
- INSPECTION OF GUARD OF HONOR.

1:30 P.M. FLY TO WELLINGTON.

2:10 P.M. ARRIVE AT WELLINGTON.

2:15 P.M. LEAVE BY CAR FOR GOVERNMENT HOUSE.

2:30 P.M. ARRIVE AT GOVERNMENT HOUSE. CALL ON HIS
- EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL AND LADY
- HOLYOAKE.

3:00 P.M. LEAVE BY CAR FOR THE NATIONAL WAR MEMORIAL.

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3:05 P.M. LAY WREATH AT THE NATIONAL WAR MEMORIAL.

3:15 P.M. LEAVE BY CAR FOR THE WELLINGTON TOWN HALL.

3:20 P.M. ARRIVE AT THE WELLINGTON TOWN HALL FOR
- BRIEF CALL ON THE MAYOR OF WELLINGTON.

3:30 P.M. LEAVE BY CAR FOR JAMES COOK HOTEL.

3:35 P.M. ARRIVE AT JAMES COOK HOTEL.

4:25 P.M. LEAVE BY CAR FOR PARLIAMENT HOUSE.

4:30 P.M. ARRIVE AT PARLIAMENT HOUSE FOR MEETING WITH
- PRIME MINISTER MULDOON.

5:10 P.M. MEETING WITH LEADER OF THE OPPOSITION
- ROWLING.

5:25 P.M. LEAVE BY CAR FOR ST. PAUL'S CATHEDRAL.

5:30 P.M. ARRIVE AT ST. PAUL'S CATHEDRAL. ATTEND

- PRAYER SERVICE FOR PEACE IN THE MIDDLE EAST.

6:00 P.M. LEAVE BY CAR FOR JAMES COOK HOTEL.

6:05 P.M. ARRIVE AT JAMES COOK HOTEL.

7:30 P.M. LEAVE BY CAR FOR VOGEL HOUSE.

8:00 P.M. ARRIVE AT VOGEL HOUSE.

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8:00 P.M. ATTEND DINNER HOSTED BY THE PRIME MINISTER
FOR 8:30 AND MRS. MULDOON.

LATER LEAVE BY CAR FOR JAMES COOK HOTEL.

- STAY AT JAMES COOK HOTEL

WEDNESDAY, MAY 10

VICE PRESIDENT MONDALE

9:55 A.M. LEAVE BY CAR FOR PARLIAMENT HOUSE.

10:00 A.M. ARRIVE AT PARLIAMENT HOUSE FOR MEETING
- WITH MINISTERS OF THE CABINET.

10:45 A.M. BRIEF REMARKS TO REPRESENTATIVES OF THE

- NEWS MEDIA BY THE VICE PRESIDENT AND THE
 - PRIME MINISTER IN THE GOVERNMENT CAUCUS
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- ROOM.

11:00 A.M. LEAVE BY CAR FOR JAMES COOK HOTEL.

11:05 A.M. ARRIVE AT JAMES COOK HOTEL FOR NEWS MEDIA
- CONFERENCE (TRIP WRAP-UP).

11:55 A.M. LEAVE BY CAR FOR PARLIAMENT HOUSE.

12:00 NOON ARRIVE AT PARLIAMENT HOUSE FOR STATE
- LUNCHEON, BANQUET HALL, EXECUTIVE WING,
- PARLIAMENT HOUSE.

2:00 P.M. LEAVE BY CAR FOR WELLINGTON AIRPORT.

2:20 P.M. ARRIVE AT WELLINGTON AIRPORT. FLY TO OHAKEA.

3:00 P.M. ARRIVE AT OHAKEA. OFFICIAL FAREWELLS.

3:10 P.M. DEPART FROM NEW ZEALAND.
MRS MONDALE

9:30 A.M. ACCOMPANIED BY MRS. MULDOON AND MRS. SELDEN,
- LEAVE BY CAR FOR DOWSE ART GALLERY, LOWER
- HUTT.

10:00 A.M. ARRIVE AT DOWSE ART GALLERY AND VIEW
- EXHIBITION OF NEW ZEALAND POTTERY AND
- HANDCRAFTS.

11:15 A.M. LEAVE BY CAR FOR JAMES COOK HOTEL.

11:45 A.M. ARRIVE AT JAMES COOK HOTEL AND REJOIN
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- THE VICE PRESIDENT TO TRAVEL TO PARLIAMENT
- FOR THE STATE LUNCHEON.

3. BEGIN FYI: GNZ'S PROPOSED SCHEDULE FOR MAY 9
SUGGESTS A CALL ON THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL, THE WREATH-
LAYING AND CALL ON WELLINGTON'S MAYOR BEFORE ARRIVING

AT THE JAMES COOK HOTEL BECAUSE ALL STMPs WE EN ROUTE
KROM WELLINGTON AIRPOT TO THE HOTEL. THEY HAVE ALSO
SUGGESTED THE MEETING WITH CABINET MEMBERS BE SHIFTED
TO MAY 10. A LARGE BLOCK OF THE VICE PRESIDENT'S
TIME ON MAY 10 HAS ALSO BEEN SCHEDULED, AT THE
EMBASSY'S SUGGESTION, FOR A TRIP WRAP-UP PRESS
CONFERENCE. SINCE THAT EVENT WAS MENTIONED IN REF (C)
BUT NOT REFTEL (F), WE WOULD WELCOME CLARIFICATION
WHETHER OR NOT THE WHITE HOUSE STILL DESIRES THE TRIP
WRAP-UP PRESS CONFERENCE TO TAKE PLACE IN
WELLINGTON. YOU SHOULD ALSO KNOW THAT WHILE THE GNZ
HOPES THAT THE VICE PRESIDENT WILL ATTEND THE MAY 9
PRAYER SERVICE, IT IS STILL TENTATIVE AND SEVERAL
ARRANGEMENTS REMAIN TO BE WORKED OUT BY THE EGYPTIAN
AND ISRAELI AMBASSADORS AND THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN
AFFAIRS. FINAL GNZ APPROVAL OF AN AGREED SCHEDULE
WILL BE BY PRIME MINISTER MULDOON, WHO IS NOW OUT OF
THE COUNTRY. EMBASSY DOES NOT EXPECT, HOWEVER, THAT
THIS CIRCUMSTANCE WILL POSE ANY UNUSUAL DELAY OR
DIFFICULTY IN ACHIEVING SCHEDULE AGREEMENT. END FYI.

4. AS NOTED IN WELLINGTON'S 1507, I STAND READY AT
ANY TIME CONVENIENT TO THE VICE PRESIDENT, AND IF HE
SO DESIRES, TO BRIEF HIM ON THE LOCAL SITUATION AND THE
PERSONALITIES HE WILL ENCOUNTER.

5. AS INDICATED IN PARA TWO, PARLIAMENT IS SCHEDULED

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TO MEET FOR THE FIRST TIME THIS YEAR AT 2:30 P.M., MAY 10, TO SWEAR IN THE NEW SPEAKER. THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE HAS INDICATED THAT TO ACCOMMODATE VICE PRESIDENT AND MRS. MONDALE, AND TO ENABLE PRIME MINISTER AND MRS. MULDOON TO ACCOMPANY THE MONDALES TO OHAKEA FOR THEIR DEPARTURE FROM N.Z., HE WILL BE WILLING TO ISSUE A PROCLAMATION SETTING A LATER TIME ON MAY 10 FOR THE SWEARING-IN. (WE TAKE THIS AS AN INDICATION THAT THE GNZ WILL PREFER THAT THE ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE CEREMONIES TAKE PLACE AT OHAKEA, RATHER THAN AT WELLINGTON. WE WILL, NONETHELESS, MAKE THE VICE PRESIDENT'S PREFERENCE IN THIS REGARD CLEAR TO THE GNZ.) THE SPEECH FROM THE THRONE IS SET FOR MAY 11.

6. BUSINESS SUIT WILL BE APPROPRIATE AT VOGEL HOUSE AND STATE LUNCHEON. FOR MRS. MONDALE: STANDARD DAYTIME ATTIRE WOULD BE APPROPRIATE FOR ALL EVENTS, INCLUDING STATE LUNCHEON. A HAT FOR THE WREATH-LAYING WOULD BE APPROPRIATE BUT ENTIRELY OPTIONAL. WEATHER IN WELLINGTON CAN BE RAINY AND CHILLY AT THIS TIME OF YEAR. CONFIDENTIAL

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A FALL-WEIGHT RAINCOAT WOULD BE USEFUL.

7. PAST SIX DAYS HAVE BEEN A FORCEFUL REMINDER OF THE ATROCIOUS WEATHER WELLINGTON CAN EXPERIENCE AT THIS TIME OF THE YEAR. THE HIGH WINDS AND HEAVY RAINS MAKE CONTINGENCY PLANNING FOR VISITS SUCH AS THE V.P.'S A DIFFICULT LOGISTICAL EXERCISE. EXCEPT FOR A FEW SCATTERD HOURS, WELLINGTON AIRPORT WAS CLOSED FOR SIX DAYS. PRIME MINISTER AND ASSORTED OTHER VIP'S HAVE HAD TO RESORT TO AUTOMOBILES, TRAINS, AND SPECIAL AIR FORCE FLIGHTS FROM NEIGHBORING AIRPORTS TO KEEP DOMESTIC AND OVERSEAS APPOINTMENTS.

8. EMBASSY BRINGS THIS TO YOUR ATTENTION SO THAT YOU AND THE VICE PRESIDENT'S PARTY WILL UNDERSTAND THAT CONTINGENCY PLANS ARE A CLEAR POSSIBILITY EITHER UPON ARRIVAL OR DEPARTURE. OHAKEA RNZAF BASE IS RARELY CLOSED, BUT IF WEATHER PREVENTS ARRIVAL AT WELLINGTON AIRPORT, THE PREFERRED ALTERNATIVE WOULD BE A TWO-HOUR DRIVE FROM OHAKEA TO WELLINGTON. THE GNZ HAS WELL-TESTED CONTINGENCY PLANS FOR THESE EVENTUALITIES AND THEY WILL BE THOROUGHLY REVIEWED WITH BOTH THE EMBASSY AND ADVANCE TEAMS. FORTUNATELY, WEATHER CONDITIONS SUFFICIENTLY SERIOUS TO FORCE CLOSURE OF THE WELLINGTON AIRPORT ARE SELDOM FAST-DEVELOPING, ENABLING US, WITH ALL PROBABILITY, TO ADVISE THE V.P.'S PARTY WELL IN ADVANCE OF ITS DEPARTURE FROM CANBERRA.

(FYI: GNZ ADVISES THAT A DECISION TO RESORT TO THE
CONTINGENCY PLAN WOULD BE KNOWN BY 9:00 A.M. LOCAL--
7:00 A.M. CANBERRA--TIME. END FYI.) SCHEDULE FOR
TUESDAY, MAY 9, WOULD IN THAT CASE BE SLIPPED BY THE
TIME OF THE DELAY AND SIMILARLY FOR MAY 10 DEPARTURE.

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9. POSTSCRIPT: MRS. MONDALE WOULD ACCOMPANY THE VICE
PRESIDENT TO ALL EVENTS SCHEDULED FOR TUESDAY EXCEPT
FOR THE MEETINGS AT PARLIAMENT WITH THE PRIME MINISTER
AND THE LEADER OF THE OPPOSITION. SELDEN

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